loss of revenue on account of implementation of prohibition in the State. There is no existing or proposed policy of the Central Government to give financial assistance to State Governments which impose 'Prohibition' under the Directive Principles of the Constitution in order to enable them to recover the loss in revenue. Therefore, the question of considering specific aid to be given for this purpose does not arise.

Computerisation Scheme for Forestation

3520. SHRI SOUMYA RANJAN : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have introduced any computerisation scheme to monitor the implementation of compensatory forestation and other stipulations laid down while clearing projects in the States;

(b) whether the Government have found any State Government lacking seriousness in implementation of the said schemes; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) Yes, Sir. This Ministry has set up six Regional offices at Bangalore, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Lucknow, Shillong & Chandigarh with a Headquarter Unit at New Delhi. These offices are equipped with computers to monitor the implementation of stipulations in respect of compensatory afforestation laid down while clearing the projects under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986.

(b) and (c). Not all States have achieved the compensatory afforestation targets in full in respect of all the proposals approved. The state-wise progress of compensatory afforestation as on 30.6.1996 is shown in the Statement attached. States/UTs whose progress is lacking have been requested to expedite else their proposals for diversion of forest lands may not be entertained.

STATEMENT

As on 30.6.1996

S.No.	Name of State/UTs	Forest Area diverted	Compensatory Afforestation stipulated (ha.)	Compenantory Afforestation done (ha.)	Percent
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Andhra Pradesh	14,231	14,600	11,258	77.10
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	745	1,006	811	80.61
3.	Assam	100	1,213	578	47.65
4.	Bihar	3,158	1,788	68	3.80
5.	Goa	115	94	93	98.94
6.	Gujarat	19,873	30,844	15,899	51.54
7.	Haryana	782	994	827	83.19
8.	Himachal Pradesh		7,433	3,890	52.33
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	1,286	1,425	288	20.21
10.	Karnataka	11,478	10,628	10,909	102.64
11.	Kerala	30263	57891	11428	19.74
12.	Madhya Pradesh	2,17,333	2,43,476	92,808	38.11
13.	Maharashtra	28,936	58,446	42,910	73.41
14.	Manipur	244	-	-	-
15.	Meghalaya	173	249	270	108.43
16.	Mizoram	3,107	3,129	1,709	54.61
17.	Orissa	15,040	15,807	13,914	88.02
18.	Punjab	334	464	227	48.92
19.	Rajasthan	8,025	8,453	3,121	36.92
20.	Sikkim	409	213	1,448	679.81

1	2	3	4	5	6
21.	Tamil Nadu	4,731	941	816	86.71
22.	Tripura	168	331	330	99.69
23.	Uttar Pradesh	37,631	25,882	20,751	80.17
24.	West Bengal	8,924	1,115	836	74.97
25.	A & N Island	2,143	1,994	2,046	102.61
26.	Dadra, Nagar & Haveli	141	262	262	100.00
	Total	41,2,758	48,8,678	23,7,497	48.59

Sugar

3521. SHRI MUKHTAR ANIS : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) the estimated production, demand, export and import of sugar during the current sugar season (1996-97); and

(b) the unit cost of production, unit import price CIF Bombay and estimated export price FOB Bombay of Sugar?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) Firm estimates of sugar production during the current 1996-97 season are not available. However, with the carry over stock at the beginning of the seasons and the production during the current year, there would be sufficient availability to meet the internal requirement of about 138 lakh tonnes for the sugar season 1996-97. No import is evisaged during the current sugar season. In view of the comfortable availability position, efforts would be made to export as much sugar as possible.

(b) The average all-India ex-factory levy price based on the Statutory Minimum Price of Sugarcane for the 1995-96 season and conversion cost as recommended by BICP, works out to Rs.876.75 per quintal. Estimated export price, FOB Bombay will depend upon the prevailing world market condition at the time of making the sales.

Foreign Tours by Ministers

3522. SHRI ISWAR PRASANNA HAZARIKA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of Ministers and Ministers of State who have undertaken foreign tours during September, October and November, 1996;

(b) the number of foreign trips undertaken by each of them together with names of countries visited, specific purposes of the visits and number of accompanying staff and the others travelling at the cost of the Government in each trip;

(c) total cost incurred on each trip including the cost incurred on account of accompanying persons;

(d) whether the trip was at the initiative of Minister or on invitation from countries visited, in each case; and

(e) the tangible results, if any, achieved from their visits to the respective countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (e). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[Translation]

Recruitment of disabled persons and women in Government service

3523. DR. VALLABH BHAI KATHERIA : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have issued or propose to issue special directives for the recruitment of disabled persons and women in the Central Government and other Public Sector Undertakings;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) to (c). Prime Minister has written on 20.9.96 to the Central Ministers and Chief Ministers of States and UTs to launch a vigorous drive to identify vacancies and recruit persons with disabilities including women so that the reservation no less than three percent as envisaged in the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opprotunities, Protection of Rights & Full Participation) Act, 1995 is achieved.

[English]

Standard Emission Norms

3524. SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news appearing in the 'Financial Express'